tion in excise duty and concessional rate of customs duty on the import of raw materials, components and machinery used in the manufacture of wrist watches. The indigenous industry continues to enjoy concessional duty structure:

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1986	1013
1987	1102
1988	327
1989	263
1990* (upto 19-3-90) . .	33

* Figure is provisional.

Proposal to set up a Branch of SBI in Jangla in Shimla District

2082. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a branch of State Bank of India in Jangla under the Shimla District during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Levy of Excise Duty on hand-made Match Industry

2083. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the structural imbalances in the levy of excise duty on different sectors of match industry is causing threat to the very survival of hand-made (medium scale) match industry;

(b) whether Government propose to extend concession in excise duty for matches produced in the hand-made (medium) sector;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the deplorable conditions of match industry in Tamil Nadu, especially in Kamraj and Chidmabaranar Districts; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) The present excise duty structure on match industry is as given below:—

Sector	Basic excise duty rate (per 100 boxes of 50 matches each)
Mechanised .	Rs. 3.15
Semi-mechanised	Rs. 2.10
Non-mechanised	Rs. 1.75
Cottage . .	Rs. 0.75

At present, there is no proposal to extend further concession in excise duty to the match industry, including the hand-made (medium) sector.

The above duty rates have been fixed taking into account the interests of the various sectors of the match indusry. No survey of the industry in particular districts of Tamil Nadu has been conducted.

Water Management

2084. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps that are being taken by Government to ensure best water management so that the water available for irrigation is not wasted through pilferage and evaporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): To prevent pilferage of canal waters, steps, such as, rotational water supply, association of farmers with water management and adoption of proper irrigation scheduling are being undertaken.

Based on the results of recent research, methods like providing Wind Breakers, Covering Water Surface, Reducing Exposed Surface and Surface Treatment with Chemical Retardants, are being tried for reducing evaporation losses.

Restriction on the import of CTA based medical X-ray films

2085. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Health Services recommended in 1988 for restricting the import of CTA based Medical X-ray films which are indigenously manufactured; and

(b) if so, by when the import of these films is likely to be stopped?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The forthcoming new Import & Export Policy will be laid on the Table of the House on 30th March, 1990. It is, therefore, premature to disclose details about the policy regime for these items at this stage.

Raid at the premises of customs officials

2086. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India of the 11th August, 1988 about raids at the premises of Customs Officials; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to probe into the conspiracy against the concerned Customs officer and the nine idividuals?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Government had seen the news item which appeared in the Times of India of the 11th August, 1988. Investigations by CBI are still in progress.

Aluminium project in Andhra Pradesh

2087. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Alumina/Aluminium project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what stage the proposal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) A feasibility report to set up 2.3 million tonnes per annum Bauxite Mine in Andhra Pradesh for export to USSR prepared jointly by the Indian and Soviet experts, was considered in the Working Group under the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission in December, 1987 and by the Empowered Body of the Soviet and Indian experts in April, 1989. U.S.S.R. have now informed that Bau-